

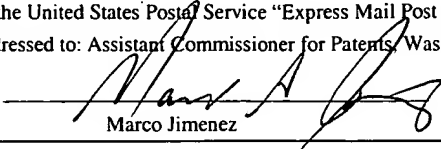
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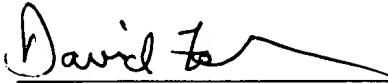
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Applicant respectfully requests that the disclosed references be made of record in the above-identified application.

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